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Letter dated 20 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the statements of the President of the Security Council of 12 and 16 March 2001 (S/PRST/2001/7 and S/PRST/2001/8) and to forward herewith the Conclusions of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia adopted at its session of 16, 17 and 18 March 2001 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Naste **Calovski**
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Annex to the letter dated 20 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On its session of 16, 17 and 18 March 2001, at which the information of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia about the current security situation in the Republic of Macedonia was discussed, the Assembly reached the following

Conclusions

1. The Assembly notes that the security situation in the Republic of Macedonia is deteriorating as a consequence of the armed activities of armed groups of extremists that question the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Macedonia.

2. The authorities of the Republic of Macedonia, the Assembly, the Government and defence-security structures will continue to follow the situation and will undertake adequate measures to secure peace and stability in the country and the security of all of its citizens. In accordance with the situation, these authorities will undertake urgent and efficient measures for impeding further escalation of the situation.

3. The Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia appeals to international organizations to continue the unconditional support for the Republic of Macedonia in the preservation of its stability, territorial integrity and sovereignty, and to that end to provide the necessary assistance without the presence of military forces from neighbouring countries on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia.

4. The Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia calls upon all political parties to refrain from any destructive scenarios and to direct their activities to the service of the State, peace, stability and democracy, as opposed to violence and ethnic hatred. The Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia condemns the statements made in support of violence, considering that this does not contribute to the stabilization and normalization of the situation in the country.

5. The Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia asks for greater presence and strong engagement of the international security force (KFOR) along the whole stretch of the northern border, which will substantially contribute to establishing full control of the border, which is in the interest of the stability of the Republic of Macedonia and the region.

6. The Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia calls upon the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia not to leave their homes and not to succumb to disinformation about their lives and property being under threat, or to the pressure of military groups for recruitment of Macedonian citizens, by way of threats and promises of political success with bloodshed.

7. The Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia will immediately intensify the broad political dialogue through the institutions of the system with all relevant political bodies in the country in order to reach a common language that will facilitate the settlement of all open problems in the Republic of Macedonia.

8. These Conclusions will be submitted to the President of the Republic of Macedonia, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.